

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are currently pending. Claims 1, 9, 17 and 38 have been amended to more particularly point out what the Applicant regards as the invention. The claimed invention includes a virtual electronic device to emulate operational features of an electronic device. No new matter has been added.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-6, 9-14, 17, 18, 20-32 and 35-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,829,779 to Perlman.

In independent claims 1, 9, 17 and 38, Applicants claim a virtual electronic device that emulates operation of one or more features of an electronic device. In contrast, Perlman discloses a display screen that displays interactive information guiding the consumer through the process of connecting other consumer electronics devices to the home entertainment or information system.

Perlman discloses only displaying connection instructions to instruct a user how to connect one or more other consumer electronics devices to an electronics device connected to the display. Thus, Perlman cannot be properly interpreted as teaching or suggesting a virtual electronic device that *emulates operation of one or more features of an electronic device* as claimed.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Perlman does not anticipate independent claims 1, 9, 17 and 38 and associated dependent claims and respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Dependent claims 7, 8, 15, 16, 19, 33, and 34 stand rejected as being obvious over Perlman, in view of Linnett et al. (U.S. Patent 6,388,665; “Linnett”). Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant’s claims 7, 8, 15, 16, 19, 33, and 34 are not obvious over this combination because Perlman and Linnett together do not disclose or suggest all elements in these claims.

As discussed above, Perlman does not disclose or suggest, e.g., a display on which a virtual electronic device is presented and that emulates operation of one or more features of an associated real electronic device. Linnet does not supply this missing

element. Linnett discloses only a software user interface that looks like a house with many rooms. Since neither Perlman nor Linnett teaches a virtual electronic device that emulates the operation of one or more features of an electronic device, as claimed in independent claims 1, 9, 17 and 38, the combination cannot be interpreted to disclose the claimed element. Therefore, the combination cannot render obvious Applicant's invention as claimed in associated dependent claims 7, 8, 15, 16, 19, 33, and 34. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection over this combination.

SUMMARY

Claims 1-38 are currently pending. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Sue Holloway at (408) 720-8300 x309.

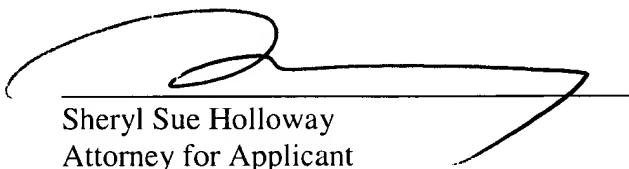
Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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